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23rd July 1919

REPORT ON Wen Tsung Yao and alleged meetings at the Cantonese Club.

Made by D. S. I. Sullivan.

Forwarded by

Chief Inspector

Sir,

Exhaustive enquiries have been made and a general watch kept on the Cantonese Club for the past two weeks and no confirmation can be obtained of the allegation that political meetings are being held there.

In the first paragraph of the attached letter the writer states that Wen Tsung Yao (溫宗堯) caused the trouble in the Cantonese Guild last year for political purposes. As a matter of fact the split in the Guild was the outcome of a personal quarrel between Wen Tsung Yao and the then secretary of the Cantonese Club, and later it developed into a fight between two parties as to who should wield predominating influence in the Club and Guild.

Tang Chih Tsz (湯智士) is a Cantonese doctor who was, until about four years ago, in charge of a hospital in Peking, but left there in disgrace. He is an intimate friend of Wen Tsung Yao and the two are frequently together.

He does not appear to have any regular employment. He is Chairman of the Commercial Confederate Association, a society which was very prominent during the Japanese boycott in Shanghai. whose headquarters were formerly at 364 Honan Road and are now at 13 Avenue Edward VII.

He is taking an active part in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce as the attached advertisement from the Chinese newspaper "Shun Pao" of the 23rd inst. shows.

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Wong Pah Bing (黃伯平) is the manager of the Doong Foo Yoong (同字永) Import & Export Hong, 10 Ningpo Road. He is also a friend of Wen Tsung Yao, but, so far as can be ascertained, is not interested in the affairs of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

Wen Tsung Yao (溫宗堯) and Tang Chih Tsz (湯志之) along with a couple of returned Cantonese students from America frequently visit the club of an evening, where they are said to be attending to the affairs of the club as the Municipal Council refused to grant them a license.

During the recent strike a meeting of employees of foreign firms was held at the Cantonese Club. It was very openly arranged and Cantonese who are by no means friendly to Wen Tsung Yao, were invited. There is nothing to show that Wen Tsung Yao or his party had anything to do with the meeting, and in any case the participants decided not to go on strike.

There is not much doubt that Mr Wen Tsung Yao is a schemer and as far as his influence goes a disturbing element amongst local Chinese, especially Cantonese, and he is probably capable of all that is alleged against him in the attached letter, but the party that resigned from the Cantonese Club last year when Wen Tsung Yao got his way, are keeping a very close watch on him and on the club, and his bitterest opponents are satisfied that he is not holding any meetings there now.

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The supposed writer of the attached letter, Feng Zoh San (馮子珊) is comradore of the American Machine Co., 5 Siking Road. He is one of Wen's friends and visits the Cantonese Guild frequently, so that in all probability the writer is using a false name.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. L. L. L.
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Advertisement in Shenpao and other papers.

Provisional Members Association of the
Chamber of Commerce.

We have received a letter from 63 members including
徐菊如 湯節之
Hsu Tsoh Yu and Tang Tsih Ts to the effect that as the
Chairman and Vice Chairman, have tendered their resignations,
the Chamber of Commerce lack men to take charge of its
affairs. Shanghai being the centre of Commerce, Foreigners
and Chinese have noticed the suspension of the Chamber,
and it is very important.

We in accordance with clause 11 of the Regulations
of the Chamber, request the Committee to hold a Provisional
meeting of all members.

It has been decided to hold a meeting of members
at 3 p.m. July 26th. Apart from writing to the members
in the ordinary way, this advertisement is published
hoping that all members will lay aside their work and
attend the meeting at the appointed time, when they must
produce admission tickets.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

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Translation of a letter from Feng Zoh San (馮芳珊), Sinza Rd. (No. unknown).

July 5, 1919.

McEuen, Esq.,

U.S.P.

Sir,

I beg to state that Wen Tsung-yao (溫宗堯) is a powerful member of the revolutionary party, and last year he caused trouble to the Cantonese Guild with intent to do some political work. Now he nominated his confederates named Tang Chih Tsz (湯節之) & Wong Pah Bing (黃伯平) to incite the people to overthrow and re-organize the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce. He (Wen) utilizes peoples' wishes to work his political matters. This was published in the Chinese & Foreign newspapers.

Wen and others are now taking the opportunity of the present general situation to ~~xxxx~~ try to overthrow the Peking Government, and use the Cantonese Club (Upper portion of No. 10 Ningpo Road) as their communication office, where they have been holding secret meetings.

On the day when the European Peace was to be signed, Wen Tsung-yao etc were certain that Delegates of China would sign, and they influenced shopkeepers to again go on strike, and also incited people to sever connections with the Government should the Delegates sign at the Peace Conference.

When a telegram was received from Europe to the effect that China has not yet signed, all shopkeepers decided not to go on strike. But Wen etc are still

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continuing their intrigue and often hold confidential meetings with their confederates in the Cantonese ~~Club~~ Club.

I am a merchant and am impartial to the South & North. If the revolutionists again incite shopkeepers to go on strike and sever ~~com~~ connexions with the Government, it will be a menace to the peace and good order of the district and endangers commercial business.

You will remember that in the 2nd year of Republic (Yuan Shih-kai was then President) when the case of Sung Chao-jen occurred, Chen Chi-mai established an office in the French Concession, which was not suppressed by the French Police. Later Chen caused an attack on the Arsenal and the Woosung Forts, and at that time the peace of the Settlement was greatly affected and the merchants deeply distressed. The above will serve as a warning.

I ~~we~~ appreciate the protection given ~~by you~~ to the residents and the maintenance of peace by your Municipal Council, but ^I ~~we~~ beg to ^o point out that the International Settlement should not be used as a place for political movements. We therefore request your Municipal Council to take strict & confidential precautionary measures, thus to maintain peace and merchants' business.

With compliments.

(Sd) Feng Zoh Sam.